## Femininity and Freedom

Fashion, femininity and freedom is the theme for the current Association of Canadian Courturiers' Collection. Highlights are the modification of the high waistline, broadening of the top of the silhouette and the new excitement of fabrics—all of which are made in Canada—and color. Above, left, a soft, broadened top dress and jacket costume in wool crepe which emphasizes the freedom of form of the pleated skirt and wide waist band. Right, "Dame Des Roses," a cocktail costume showing a softly draped dress in flowered cotton sheer and wide collared coat in bright blue polished cotton.

# Your Problems

*By Ann Landers*

Dear Ann Landers: Surely I'm not alone in this problem. Please help me and other wives whose husbands insist on coming home for lunch every day. It's knocking me out.

Maybe I'm not budgeting my time properly but I never seem to get through a day's work. My schedule looks something like this:

Pop leaves at 8 a.m.

Child off to school at 9.

Pop home for lunch at 11.30.

Child home for lunch at 12.

House full of little visitors all afternoon.

Pop home from work at 4.

I'd like to greet my husband all fresh and charming and happy to see him, but how can a wife be happy to see a guy who just left? And how can she be beautiful when she hasn't had time to wash her face or comb her hair?

I've suggested politely that he eat lunch out (and he can afford it) but he sulks, looks hurt and says "I LOVE to see YOU during the day. Sorry it's not mutual."

Please, Ann, come up with a solution.—JUST TIRED.

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You're more than Just Tired—You're a poor manager.

This is not a criticism, it's a comment, because in my view you're a far better wife than the woman whose house is hospital-clean, but her husband doesn't want to come home.

Since your ever-lovin' is so goofy in love that he can't get through the day without seeing you, accept this lovely compliment and consider yourself a big success.

## *Fabulous People*

Dear Ann Landers: For the past several months I've been writing to a college girl I used to date when we were in high school together.

I have a two-week vacation coming up pretty soon and I'd like to visit this girl at school and meet some of the fabulous people she's been writing about.

I wrote her of my idea and she sent me an airmail special delivery letter saying she's very busy studying during the week and all her weekends are booked from now until school is out for spring vacation.

I've always wanted to see that part of the country and I have my heart set on going. Maybe if I just show up she'll squeeze me in some place. What's your advice, Cousin?—GREG.

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Dear Cousin: I'm going to talk to you like a Dutch Aunt. You've received the Full Fuller—the brush, that is.

Now wipe the egg off your chin and let the girl alone. There's lots of pretty scenery in this country. Go somewhere else.

## *Never Got Along*

Dear Ann: I've been married 7 years and have three darling children. My parents were divorced one month after I was married. They never got along and I'm sure their divorce was planned for years before it actually happened.

The problem is this: I love my father dearly, and so does my husband. Our children think there's no one like "Boompa." Next month is our oldest son's birthday and he says he wants "Boompa" at his party more than anyone.

My mother says if I invite him she'll not attend. She also says I'm being disloyal to her by being friendly with her "ex-husband" as she calls him. I love my mother, too, but I'm totally in the dark as to how to handle this mess. Advice?—DALIA.

Dear Dalia: Your mother's "ex-husband" is your present father and it was SHE who selected him. Just because they're divorced doesn't mean you must shut him out of your life.

If the feeling is so bad between them that they simply cannot be in the same house, then alternate, and invite "Boompa" to the birthday party and your mother for Easter Sunday.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)


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# PERSONAL MENTION

Maureen Elizabeth were the names given the five-month-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Steer, 1169 Bewdley Avenue, at the christening held in St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church. Rev. J. A. Roberts officiated at the ceremony. Godparents were Mrs. Doreen Brunsdon, Mrs. Mary Tomlin and Mr. Edward Anderson. A family tea was held at the home of the parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Gray and Mrs. Elsie Hall, Victorians holidaying on the British Isles, have recently called at British Columbia House in London.

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Mrs. D. Ritchie, Fourth Street, Sidney, and Mrs. H. Loney, were co-hostesses last week at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Marilyn Petherbridge, whose marriage is to take place on Feb. 14. Among those attending were Mrs. J. Bilgeri, Mrs. S. Watling, Miss Sylvia Watling, Mrs. S. Hambley with daughters Judy and Penny, Mrs. G. Eckert, Miss F. Pusey, Misses Pat and Judy Petherbridge, Mrs. J. Haywood, and Mrs. W. Petherbridge.

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Eva Rashleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rashleigh, Resthaven Drive, Sidney, has left for San Jose, Costa Rica, where she is to spend eight months at a Spanish language school, preparatory to becoming a missionary teacher in Colombia.

A graduate of North Saanich High School, Miss Rashleigh taught for three years at Shawnigan Lake, before taking a three-year course at a Bible school at Three Hills, Alta.

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A reception will be held this evening at the home of the Misses Hewlings, 548 Lotbiniere, in honor of Robin Wood and Winnifred Scott following their duo piano recital in the Oak Bay Junior High School. Mrs. Jay I. Durand and Mrs. R. D. McCaw will preside at the refreshment table and Mrs. S. L. Waterman, Mrs. Iris Paver, Mrs. Isobel Bulman-Fleming, and Misses Mary Adamson, Elsie Friend and Florence Miller will serve.

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A farewell luncheon was given yesterday for Mrs. J. Wolrige-Gordon on the eve of her departure. The daughter of Dame Flora McLeod, chief of Clan McLeod, was honored at a small party at the Princess Mary. Also invited were Mrs. H. C. MacDonald, Mrs. Hector MacLeod, Mrs. Edith McLeod, Mrs. Norman Clark and Mrs. Jim Marrs. Mrs. Wolrige-Gordon returned to the city last week after spending a short time in Vancouver. She now leaves for California where she plans to visit the Redwoods and Grand Canyon on her way south. She will arrive in New York in March to meet her son John MacLeod of MacLeod.

Donaldson-Sharp

## *Bride Wore Blue*

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oak Bay, was the setting for the exchange of wedding vows between Valerie Ida Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sharp, 2197 Fair Street and Graham Arthur Donaldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, 3394 Cook Street.

The bride was given in marriage by her father in the ceremony performed by the Rev. Hywel J. Jones.

Dressed in a blue sheath with a corsage of white orchids, Miss Sharp carried a white prayer book covered with a spray of stephanotis.

The bride and groom were attended by Miss Jeanette Einarson of Vancouver and Mr. Russell Donaldson of Victoria.

A candlelit reception in honor of the couple was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Toast to the bride was given by her brother, Mr. James H. Sharp of Vancouver. Following a short honeymoon, the couple will reside in Victoria.

## Dickens Banquet At YW Saturday

Annual Dickens' Fellowship banquet will be held Saturday in the YWCA, starting at 6.30 p.m.

Tom Luckett, Vancouver, will do a skit featuring Dickens' characters as part of the entertainment. Prof. R. J. Bishop, head of the English department at Victoria College, will be guest speaker. Soloist will be Miss Pamela Paver.


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Canon George and Mrs. Biddle were among the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clare-White, 1054 Pandora Street, who called to wish them well on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Clare-White were married on Feb. 2, 1909, in London, England, and shortly after, they came to Canada. They came to Victoria about 20 years ago. Their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Reeves, Sechelt, B.C., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alan White, Roberts Creek, B.C., were here for the celebration.

## Petition Asks Tree Removal

A petition from 24 residents of May Street was received by city council parks committee yesterday, asking for removal of May trees on both sides of the street from Cook to Moss.

The committee referred it to the parks administrator for a report.


Come home, Joe!


Famous Woman Dies

# *Mackenzie King Got Her Help*

OTTAWA (CP) — Violet Markham, famous English woman who died in London Monday at 86, was the close friend and confidante of former prime minister Mackenzie King from 1905 until his death in 1950.

She was also his financial backer throughout his life.

The R. MacGregor Dawson biography of Mackenzie King is liberally sprinkled with extracts from the correspondence that passed between the bachelor statesman and the woman friend of his youth.

They met in 1905 when Miss Markham later Mrs. James Carruthers was visiting at Government House during the term of Earl Grey as governor-general. While there was never any indication of a romance, their friendship was close and enduring.

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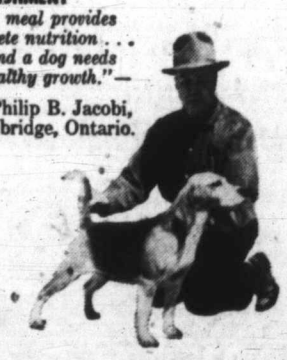

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